



## **Meriden COVID-19 Response Update – Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

*From the Meriden Department of Health and Human Services*

**\*\*Please note –reports will be done twice per week –  
on Tuesdays and Fridays\*\***

City of Meriden – as of October 12	Lab-Confirmed and Probable Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths
	1167 (1,129 confirmed, 38 Probable)	81
<b>TOTAL CASES</b>	<b>1,167</b>	

- Statewide and town-by-town case data can be viewed daily at <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>.
- Cases can be counted [as confirmed or probable](#). Probable cases of COVID-19 involve persons who have not had confirmatory laboratory testing (RT-PCR) performed for COVID-19, but whose symptoms indicate they are likely to have a COVID-19 infection. In Connecticut, most of the probable COVID-19 cases involve persons whose death certificates list COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.
- The number of lab-confirmed cases in Meriden is not a precise indication of the actual cases of COVID-19 in our community. Our data comes from the [CT Department of Public Health](#) Electronic Disease Surveillance System. [COVID-19 is a reportable disease](#). Test results may be reported several days after the result. Patient information may be updated after results have already been reported. Changes will be reflected in the new daily totals.
- [Governor Ned Lamont has announced](#) that his administration has launched a variety of new resources to support those who need to isolate or self-quarantine due to COVID-19. With nonprofit partners such as United Way 2-1-1 and 4-CT, these programs and services are designed to support individuals in need who are asked to isolate or self-quarantine because of a positive COVID-19 test or potential exposure to the virus. Ultimately, the services will help slow the spread of COVID-19 by ensuring that those infected or potentially exposed can stay home and avoid workplaces, schools, and gatherings. We ask all COVID cases and close contacts if they need assistance; our in-house Community Services Worker is able to connect people to services.
- Remember** – if you are identified by our office – or any local health department - as a close contact of someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19 **please stay home** for [the](#)

**STOP COVID-19  
QUARANTINE**



[duration of your quarantine](#). Our office will give you your end of quarantine date. If you are under quarantine and go for a COVID-19 test, and the result is negative, **you still need to complete** your 14 day quarantine. This is **VERY IMPORTANT** to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community!

- Phase 3 started of reopening started **Thursday, October 8, 2020**. Business changes in Phase 3 will include:

- Increase from 50 percent to 75 percent capacity indoors – subject to COVID-19 safety requirements – for restaurants, personal services, hair salons, barber shops, and libraries;
- Outdoor event venues (e.g. amphitheaters, race tracks, etc.) will increase from 25 percent to 50 percent capacity with masks and social distancing requirements;
- Indoor performing arts venues will be able to open at 50 percent capacity with masks and social distancing requirements; and
- Bars and nightclubs will continue to remain closed.



- Governor's [Executive Order 9F](#) was issued October 8, 2020 and contains language on:
  - Amendments to size restrictions on certain gatherings
  - Extension of drive-in worship services and graduations
- CT School Learning Indicators are intended to assist school districts in determining the level of in-person education they will offer. They are updated weekly and released every Thursday: <https://data.ct.gov/stories/s/CT-School-Reopening/ddy2-ijgu/>

#### Leading and secondary indicators of COVID-19 infection levels

Risk Level	Leading Indicator	Secondary Indicators		
	New COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population per day (7-day average)	Percent test positivity (7-day average)	New COVID-19 hospitalizations per 100,000 population per day (7-day average)	Percent COVID-like illness hospital ED visits (7-day average)
Low: Favors more in-person learning	<10	Trending down to flat No statistically significant changes		
Moderate: Favors hybrid learning	10 - <25	Trending flat to upward Any statistically significant changes upward		
High: Favors remote learning	25+	Trending upward Consistent statistically significant changes upward		

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	New COVID-19 cases over 7-day period	New COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 of population per day	Percent Test Positivity
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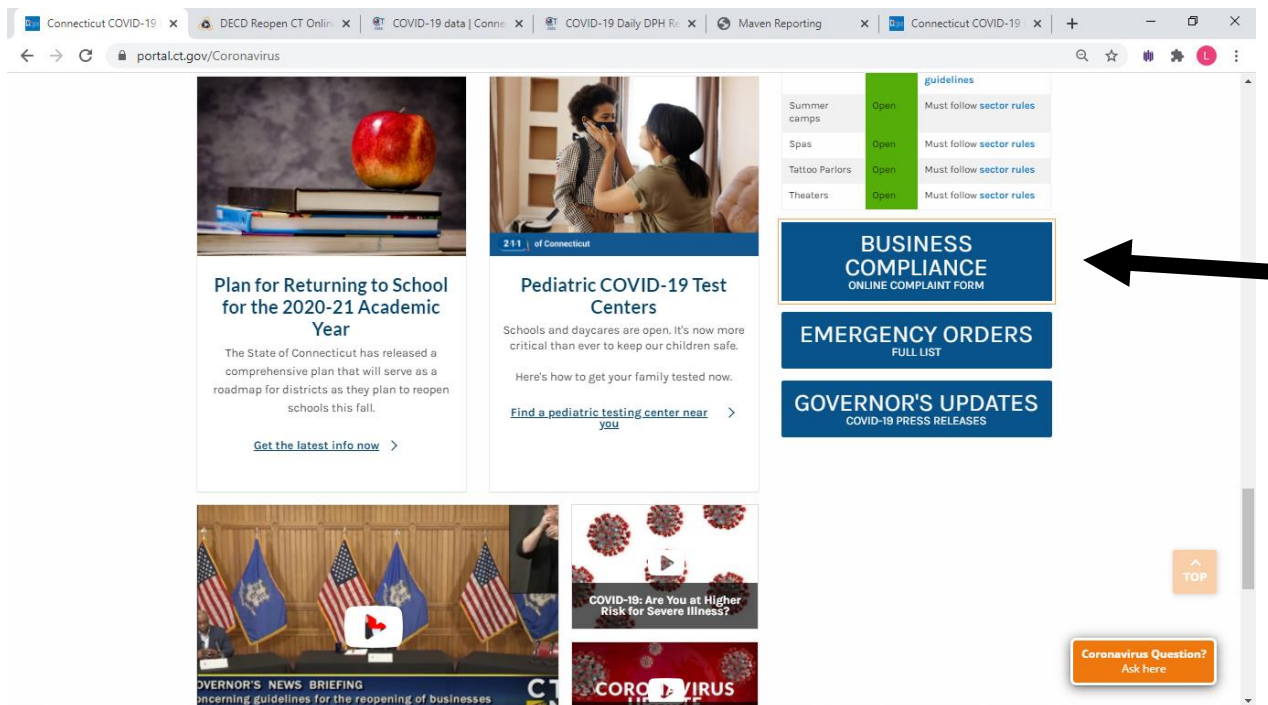
August 9 - August 16	<5	0.7	0.50%
August 16 - August 22	10	2.4	0.70%
August 23 - August 29	16	3.8	0.7%
August 30 - September 5	30	7.2	1.6%
September 6 - 12	19	4.6	1.2%
September 13 – 19	17	4.1	1.4%
September 20-26	18	4.3	1.2%
September 27-October 3	24	5.8	1.4%

[The above dataset](#) includes a weekly count and weekly rate per 100,000 population for COVID-19 cases, a weekly count of COVID-19 PCR diagnostic tests, and a weekly percent positivity rate for tests among people living in community settings. Dates are based on date of specimen collection (cases and positivity).

These case and test counts do not include cases or tests among people residing in congregate settings, such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, or correctional facilities.

These data are updated weekly; the previous week period for each dataset is the previous Sunday-Saturday, known as an MMWR week ([https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/document/MMWR\\_week\\_overview.pdf](https://wwwn.cdc.gov/nndss/document/MMWR_week_overview.pdf)). The date listed is the date the dataset was last updated and corresponds to a reporting period of the previous MMWR week. For instance, the data for 8/20/2020 corresponds to a reporting period of 8/9/2020-8/15/2020.

- [Traveler Advisory](#): Please see the map for the locations included in the travel advisory. The requirement to self-quarantine and complete [the Travel Health Form](#) is applicable to any traveler who has spent 24 hours or longer in an affected state within 14 days prior to arriving in Connecticut. It does not include an individual remaining in Connecticut for less than 24 hours.
- If you are concerned about a Meriden restaurant, barbershop, or salon not following Phase 2 and 3 [Reopen Sector Rules](#), please call our Environmental Health office at 203-630-4226. Your concerns will remain anonymous. We inspect all concerns. For all other businesses we will pass the complaint along to the appropriate city representative for follow-up. You can also use the [online business complaint form](#) located on the [ct.gov/coronavirus](https://ct.gov/coronavirus) website.



- Thank you for answering our call!** Our office continues to use the state [ContaCT Tracing System](#) to follow up on known contacts of COVID-19 positive Meriden residents. The information collected through ContaCT will be used to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. After we call you from our office, if you receive a follow up call from state volunteer contact tracer, or a text or email from CT COVID TRACE ([SVC-COVID19@ct.gov](mailto:SVC-COVID19@ct.gov)) **please reply!** Our office and the state team of contact tracing volunteers will provide you with [self-quarantine guidance for a potential COVID exposure](#). Note our office is not conducting contact tracing for those that live in congregate settings per CT DPH.



- Each week – generally on Thursdays - CT DPH publishes [town-by-town nursing home and assisted living facility data](#). Data is available on the state COVID-19 webpage for both staff and residents. Connecticut nursing homes are required by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to report on the impact of COVID-19 on their residents and staff through CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).

			Cumulative Data reported to CT DPH through Oct. 6, 2020		NHSN Data Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2020	
Facility	# Licensed	Current census	Cumulative # of residents	Cumulative # COVID-	# Residents with new	# New COVID-related deaths

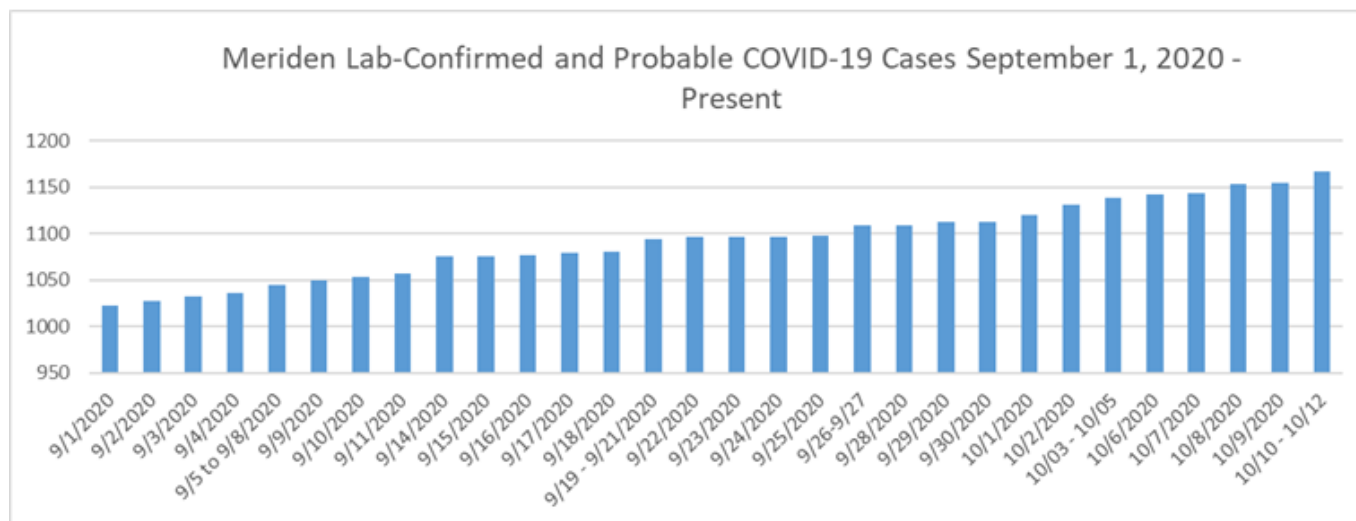
	<b>Beds</b>	<b>(as of 10/6)</b>	<b>with confirmed COVID-19</b>	<b>related deaths among residents</b>	<b>confirmed COVID-19</b>	<b>among residents</b>
Apple Rehab Cocomo	100	83	47	18	1	0
Silver Springs Care Center	159	142	120	20	0	0
Curtis Home	60	49	26	10	0	0
Meriden Center	130	96	14	0	0	0
CT Baptists Home, Inc.	60	44	14	8	0	0-
Miller Memorial Community	90	65	0	0	0	0
Bradley Home	30	29	0	0	0	0
Village at Kensington Place (Assisted Living)		86	0	0	0	0

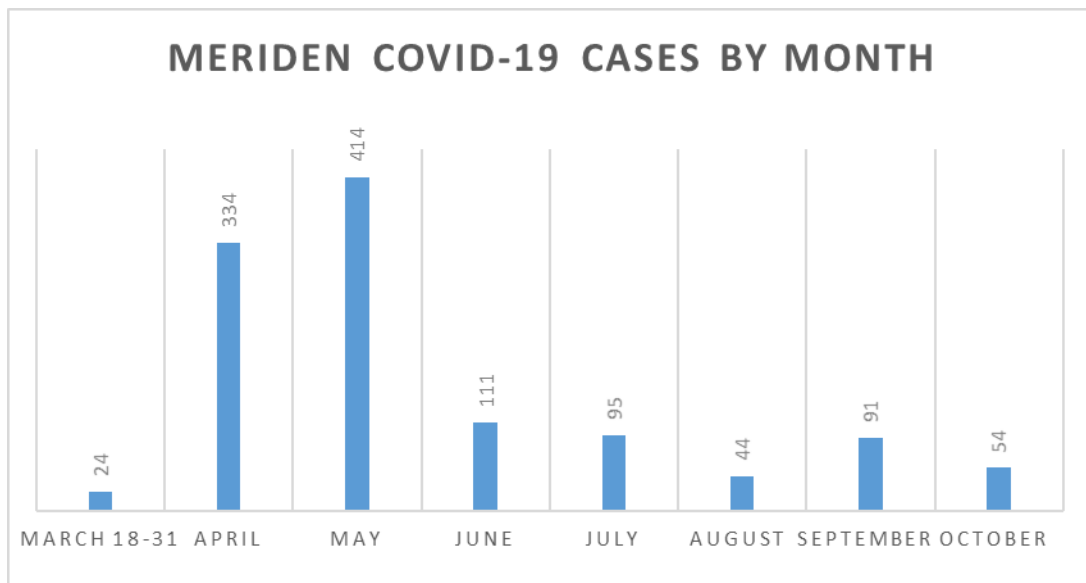
**Population, Number and Average Daily Rate of COVID-19 Cases among Persons Living in Community Settings by Town with Specimen Collection or Onset Date during September 20–October 3, 2020**

Map does not include 8 cases pending address validation. Daily rate is average number of cases per day per 100,000 population.

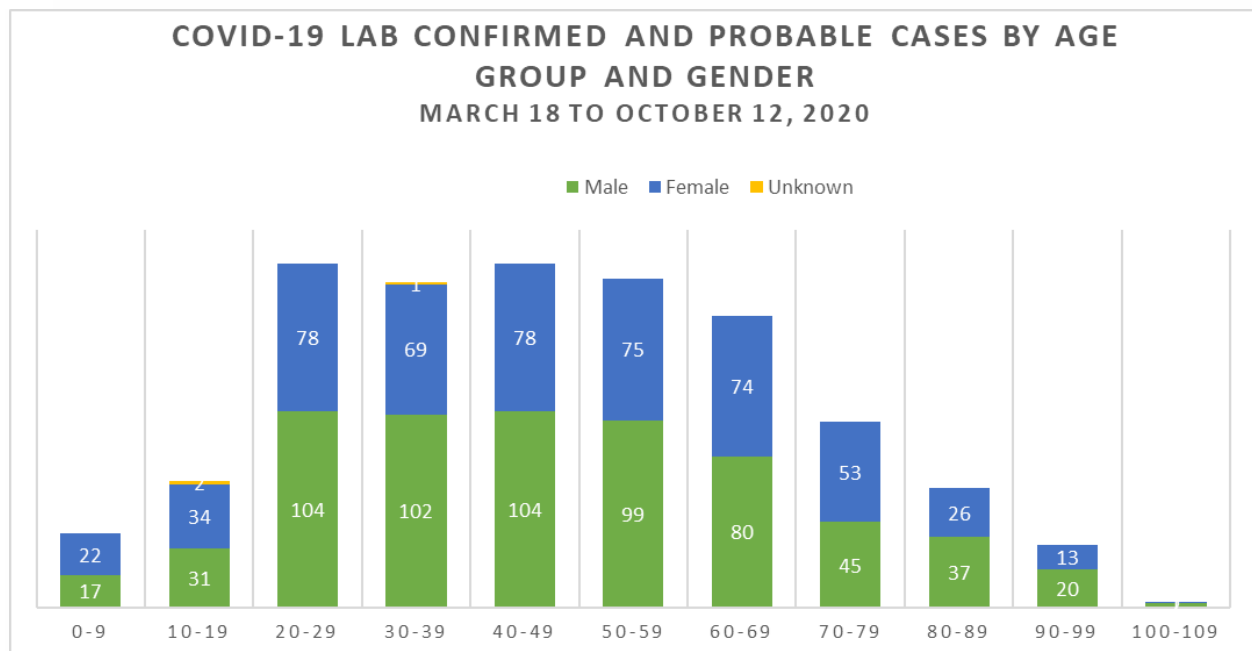
Town	Pop	Cases	Rate	Town	Pop	Cases	Rate	Town	Pop	Cases	Rate
Andover	3231	<5	4.4	Groton	38692	41	7.6	Prospect	9790	5	3.6
Ansonia	18721	10	3.8	Guilford	22216	<5	1.3	Putnam	9395	<5	2.3
Ashford	4261	0	0	Haddam	8222	6	5.2	Redding	9125	<5	2.3
Avon	18302	8	3.1	Hamden	60940	20	2.3	Ridgefield	25008	9	2.6
Barkhamsted	3624	0	0	Hampton	1853	0	0	Rocky Hill	20145	7	2.5
Beacon Falls	6182	<5	2.3	Hartford	122587	204	11.9	Roxbury	2160	0	0
Berlin	20432	10	3.5	Hartland	2120	0	0	Salem	4123	8	13.9
Bethany	5479	<5	3.9	Harwinton	5430	<5	1.3	Salisbury	3598	<5	4.0
Bethel	19714	10	3.6	Hebron	9482	11	8.3	Scotland	1685	0	0
Bethlehem	3422	<5	2.1	Kent	2785	0	0	Seymour	16509	<5	1.7
Bloomfield	21301	35	11.7	Killingly	17287	<5	1.7	Sharon	2703	0	0
Bolton	4890	<5	5.8	Killingworth	6370	<5	3.4	Shelton	41097	12	2.1
Bozrah	2537	<5	5.6	Lebanon	7207	10	9.9	Sherman	3614	0	0
Branford	28005	7	1.8	Ledyard	14736	22	10.7	Simsbury	24979	5	1.4
Bridgeport	144900	109	5.4	Lisbon	4248	<5	5.0	Somers	10834	10	6.6
Bridgewater	1641	<5	4.4	Litchfield	8127	11	9.7	South			
Bristol	60032	38	4.5	Lyme	2338	0	0	Windsor	26054	19	5.2
Brookfield	17002	7	2.9	Madison	18106	0	0	Southbury	19656	6	2.2
Brooklyn	8280	10	8.6	Manchester	57699	47	5.8	Southington	43807	17	2.8
Burlington	9665	6	4.4	Mansfield	25817	41	11.3	Sprague	2889	6	14.8
Canaan	1055	0	0	Marlborough	6358	<5	2.2	Stafford	11884	6	3.6
Canterbury	5100	5	7.0	Meriden	59540	43	5.2	Stamford	129775	90	5.0
Canton	10270	5	3.5	Middlebury	7731	<5	1.8	Sterling	3780	<5	1.9

Source of the above: <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Coronavirus/CTDPHCOVID19summary10082020.pdf>

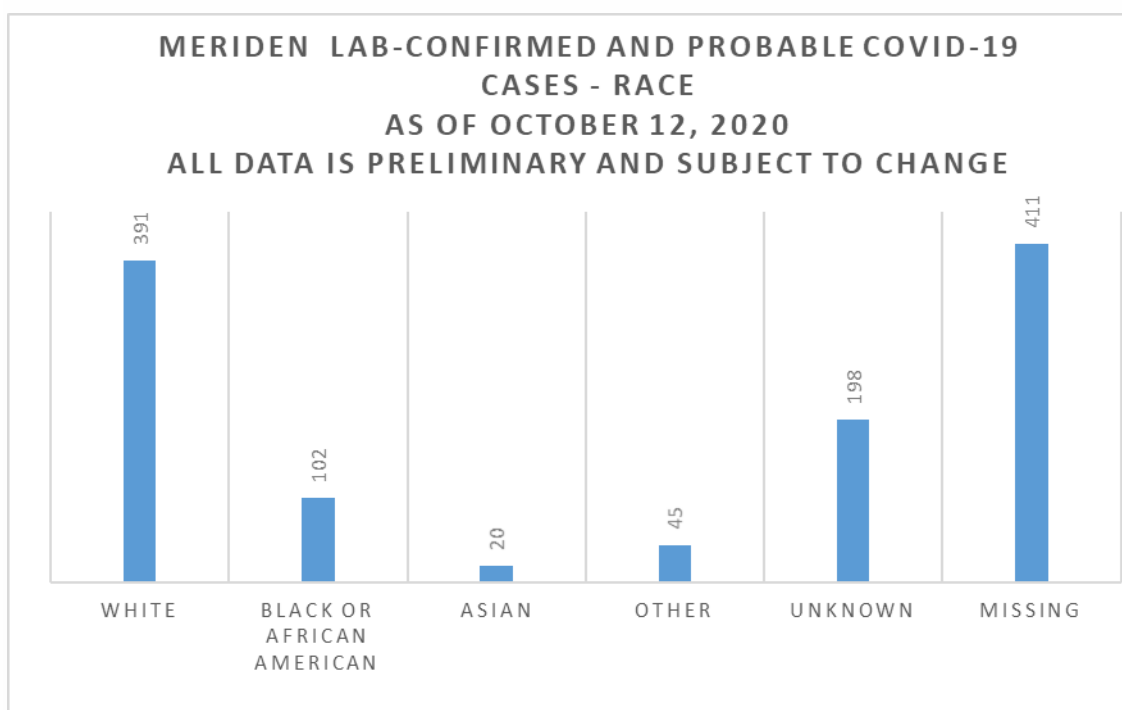
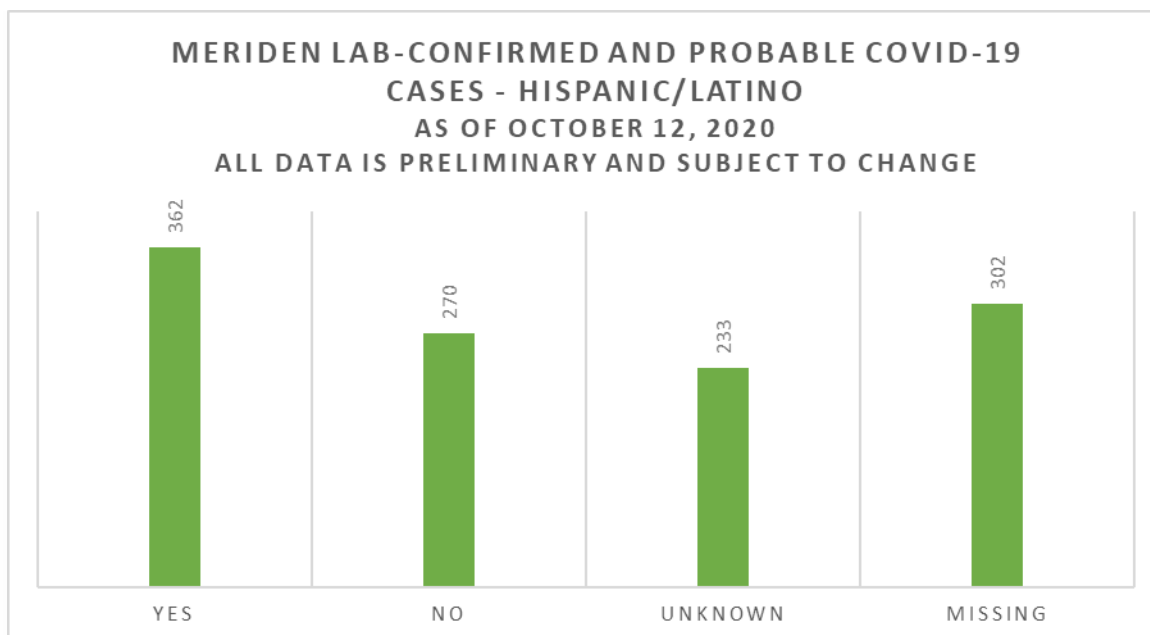




We are noticing family spread and small gatherings with friends and family to be the main source of COVID-19 spread in our community. Please continue to wear your face mask and continue to maintain social distancing when out in public and with those who are not a part of your household!







***\*All data in this report is preliminary and subject to change. Test results may be reported several days after the results.***

**PLEASE do not lose sight of [practicing the everyday preventive actions](#) below. They are simple and *they work*:**

- If you are older or have a serious chronic illness, please avoid crowds.



- Practice social distancing, and [follow these guidelines](#) when running essential errands.
- If you must go out and social distancing is hard to maintain, the [CDC recommends wearing a cloth face covering](#).
- If you have visitors to your home, [follow the Governor's guidelines](#) on gatherings to reduce risk of disease transmission.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue; throw out the tissue in a lined trash container.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid hand shaking or elbow bumps – wave hello instead.
- [Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily](#). These include tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles using a regular household detergent and water. Then, disinfect the surface and object [using an EPA approved product](#).
- [Wash your hands often](#) with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Always wash your hands with soap and water if your hands are visibly dirty.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious foods.

**COVID-19 continues to be a rapidly changing public health issue.** We urge Meriden residents to stay informed. Please visit the following websites often:

- CDC Coronavirus website – [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).
- CT Department of Public Health website: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus>.
- City updates are being posted at <https://www.meridenct.gov/covid-19-information/>

In addition, there are 2 local hotlines for information:

- Individuals who have general questions that are not answered on the websites above can [call 2-1-1 for assistance](#). The information line is available 24 hours a day and has multilingual assistance and TDD/TTY access for those with a hearing impairment. The hotline is only intended to be used by individuals who are not experiencing symptoms but may have general questions related to COVID-19. Anyone experiencing symptoms is strongly urged to contact their medical provider to seek treatment.
- [Hartford Healthcare COVID-19 Hotline](#): 1-833-621-0600. This line is staffed 24/7 by medical professionals.

**TESTING INFORMATION:** Here is the link to testing sites in Connecticut, provided by Infoline 211: <https://tinyurl.com/yax8yg4p>



Call our [Clinic](#) at 203-630-4234 to make your appointment for your seasonal flu shot!